

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

### IN RECOGNITION OF BOISE RESCUE MISSION

**HON. BILL SALI**

OF IDAHO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 24, 2008*

Mr. SALI. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Boise Rescue Mission, BRM, in my great home state of Idaho. This year, under the guidance of Executive Director Rev. Bill Roscoe, the BRM celebrates 50 years of service to the Treasure Valley community by providing food, shelter, clothing, counseling, education and spiritual guidance for the homeless and others in need.

BRM began as a small facility, but has grown over the past five decades to include three facilities in Boise and Nampa. Today they serve between 600 and 800 meals a day to the hungry at three dining rooms, and provide almost 300 beds to the Treasure Valley's homeless.

In addition, BRM is committed to drug and alcohol counseling through the New Life Drug and Alcohol Addiction Recovery Program. The dedicated volunteers at BRM help participants stay sober and discover a new spiritual life. It is noteworthy that while BRM is a faith-based ministry, its spiritual outreach is non-coercive. It provides its services and programs to whoever needs them, whether or not the client has spiritual interest.

I commend the impact BRM is having on those in need in the Treasure Valley community. The sincere efforts and dedication of its volunteers is inspirational. Thank you, Rev. Roscoe, for your leadership and spiritual guidance. All Idahoans are in your debt.

### IN HONOR OF ALVIN L. GRAY

**HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 24, 2008*

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of Alvin L. Gray, distinguished Case Western Reserve University alumnus, in recognition of his dedication, advocacy, and promotion of leadership in the Jewish Community and in the Greater Cleveland Area.

Alvin L. Gray was born in Cleveland, Ohio in 1928, and carries with him a rich history of public service in the Greater Cleveland Area. He received his Bachelors of Arts in Political Science in 1949 and a Bachelors of Legal Letters in 1951 from Case Western Reserve University and was admitted to the Ohio Bar Association the same year. Mr. Gray works tirelessly to promote leadership skills in the Greater Cleveland community and holds several leadership positions in the numerous organizations he dedicates his time to. He currently serves as Director of the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee and Chairman of the Citizens for the Heights School Levy, is

a member of the Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association, serves as Life Director of the Jewish Family Service Association, and is on the Board of Trustees of both the Hillel House and Jewish Community Center of Cleveland. Mr. Gray co-founded the Cleveland Heights Area Project and served as Vice President of the American Jewish Congress from 1974 to 1986. He also was Honorary President, Vice President and President of the American ORT Foundation, and past President of Jewish Vocational Service.

Alvin Gray has been recognized on numerous occasions for his innovative and important work in the Greater Cleveland Area. In 2001, he was inducted into the Cleveland Heights High School Distinguished Alumni Hall of Fame and was awarded the Horace M. Kallen Distinguished Community Service Award from the Jewish American Congress. Mr. Gray was twice awarded the "Man of the Year" award, once in 1976 from the American ORT and again in 1986 from the Cleveland ORT.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honor of Alvin L. Gray, and in recognition of his outstanding and tireless efforts as a promoter and advocate of leadership in the Jewish Community, as well as for his extensive and diverse service to the Greater Cleveland Community.

### TRIBUTE TO MACLAIN BERHAUPT

**HON. BRIAN HIGGINS**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 24, 2008*

Mr. HIGGINS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Maclain Berhaupt for her years of service to Dunkirk, NY and her new opportunity in her hometown of Jamestown, NY. Maclain's career is a wonderful example of what public service should be.

I would like to touch briefly on the many projects with which Maclain has been involved. Maclain has been employed as the Director of Development for the City of Dunkirk for the past three years. During that time she saw the Boardwalk Market, the Crocker-Sprague building redevelopment, and the soon-to-be-built SUNY Technology Incubator projects come to fruition. Mayor Richard Frey of Dunkirk has said that when Maclain was hired, she was not just an employee, she was an investment. This investment in the city's future certainly paid off, and Dunkirk is a better place today because of the dedication shown by Maclain.

Friday June 27, 2008 will be Maclain's last official day as the Director of Development in Dunkirk. She will then take her new post as the Urban Design Planning Coordinator for the Jamestown Renaissance Corporation.

As she returns to her hometown one thing is for sure. Maclain's future is bright and full of opportunity. I applaud her for her service and dedication to the Western New York community.

Madam Speaker, I ask you to join me in congratulating Maclain on her job well done as the Dunkirk Director of Development and sending best wishes on her new career as the Urban Design Planning Coordinator for the Jamestown Renaissance Corporation.

Madam Speaker, I am proud to congratulate Maclain on her new opportunity in her hometown of Jamestown, NY and wish her and her family the best. Maclain's work should inspire us all to serve our communities and fellow man with dedicated hearts and committed lives.

### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. STEVAN PEARCE**

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 24, 2008*

Mr. PEARCE. Madam Speaker, on rollcall No. 439 H. Con. Res. 372—Supporting the goals and ideals of Black Music Month and to honor the outstanding contributions that African American singers and musicians have made to the United States. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

### HONORING GARRISON COLONEL MARK NEEDHAM

**HON. RON LEWIS**

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 24, 2008*

Mr. LEWIS of Kentucky. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay public tribute to Colonel Mark Needham, garrison commander at Fort Knox, Kentucky, retiring next month after 26 years of military service.

Colonel Needham was commissioned in the U.S. Army upon graduation from the United States Military Academy in 1982. During his tenure, he has completed assignments in Germany, the Balkans, and the United States.

Prior to his current assignment, Colonel Needham attended the prestigious Army War College in Carlisle Barracks, PA. He went to Carlisle Barracks after having served as an instructor at the Joint Forces Staff College in Norfolk, VA where he was responsible for developing the Campaign Planning and Operational Art Course for the Joint Advanced Warfighting School. He also taught Joint and Combined Operational Planning to mid-grade officers.

Earlier in his career, Colonel Needham commanded a tank battalion at Fort Knox, training Soldiers and Marines as Armor Crewman and Combat Vehicle Mechanics. When he served as a Battalion Operations Officer in Europe, he deployed with U.S. Forces into Bosnia as part of the 1st Armored Division's Implementation Force mission. He was thereafter assigned as a Special Assistant to the Commander of all NATO forces in Bosnia.

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He has held numerous other positions during his military career including service as a War Planner and Assistant Secretary to the General Staff for the U.S. Army Europe, and an Assistant Professor of Chemistry at the U.S. Military Academy.

As Garrison Commander, Colonel Needham has been a tireless advocate for soldiers, their families, and the communities surrounding Fort Knox. Taking command shortly after BRAC changes were announced, he has overseen the transformation of Fort Knox into its new mission as a vital multi-functional home to operational Army forces and various administrative commands.

Colonel Needham has demonstrated an exceptional determination to ease transition-related concerns by communicating with incoming personnel, citizens, and community leaders at every opportunity. As part of this effort, he developed "BRAC Roadshows," informational seminars conducted at locations with units that are scheduled to move to Fort Knox. He has also worked to transform the Garrison Staff, finalizing the organizational structure to ensure that soldiers, their families, and the community all receive the support that they need.

Colonel Needham's awards and decorations include three Defense Meritorious Service Medals, five Meritorious Service Medals, two Army Commendation Medals, an Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, and a NATO Medal.

It is my great privilege to recognize Colonel Mark Needham today, before the entire U.S. House of Representatives, for his lifelong example of leadership and service. I would like to thank him personally for his exemplary stewardship at Fort Knox during a time of war and administrative transition. His unique achievements and dedication to the men and women of the U.S. Army make him an outstanding American worthy of our collective honor and respect.

#### OP-EDS SHOW SUPPORT FOR OBAMA IN THE CARIBBEAN COM- MUNITY

### HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 24, 2008*

Mr. RANGEL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to introduce three Opinion Editorials from the New York *CaribNews* that reflect the unprecedented special excitement that the nomination of BARACK OBAMA for President has caused in our Caribbean community in New York. *CaribNews* is a New York based publication that serves as the voice of the Caribbean community.

The editorials, all published in the June 17, 2008 publication, are entitled: "Propelled by the Wind of Change Democrats Choose Obama: What an Excellent Choice to Lead the Party Into Race for the White House," "Obama and the Deepening of American Democracy," and "Caribbean Hearts are Swelling with Pride as Obama's Victory Sinks In."

The editorials all reflect a great exhilaration for Obama's candidacy within the New York Caribbean community. Each piece points out how extraordinary the results are of this historical primary and the reactions of Caribbean

Americans. One of the pieces quotes a Caribbean-American who said, "[Obama] comes across as a people person with whom we can relate." Another Jamaican-American woman said, "What a pity the late Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. isn't around to see this."

One editorial summarizes the consensus among the Caribbean community the best; "BARACK OBAMA has beckoned a new generation to the noble task of remaking America and remaking the world. He has brought millions of new voters into the electoral process." But, the Caribbean community has not forgotten about HILLARY CLINTON and the socio-political significance of her campaign. There is a general belief that she is an important part of the new era of the Democratic Party and also represents the new direction this country is taking on race and gender equality.

#### TRIBUTE TO E. JAMES BARRETT, CCE PRESIDENT & CEO MICHIGAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

### HON. TIMOTHY WALBERG

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 24, 2008*

Mr. WALBERG. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor E. James (Jim) Barrett who is retiring after 32 years as President and Chief Executive Officer of the Michigan Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Barrett holds the distinction of being the longest-serving President and CEO of any state chamber nationwide. It is with great admiration and pride that I congratulate Mr. Barrett on behalf of all of those who have benefited from his proven ability to cultivate economic growth in the state of Michigan.

In 1971, a young Jim Barrett joined the Michigan Chamber of Commerce staff after receiving a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Financial Administration from Michigan State University. Five short years later, at age 32, he was selected to be President and CEO of the Michigan Chamber, making him one of the youngest individuals ever to head a state chamber. Under Jim Barrett's leadership, membership in the Michigan Chamber of Commerce increased from 3,900 member firms to over 7,100 statewide.

The Michigan Chamber of Commerce, established in 1959, is comprised of over 7,000 business employers, local chambers of commerce, and trade and professional associations. The chamber advocates for pro-business policies to secure economic growth and promote job creation in Michigan. As head of Michigan's Chamber, Mr. Barrett has worked tirelessly to lower the cost of doing business and make Michigan a more attractive place for commerce. Through highly effective communication, Mr. Barrett has been able to mobilize businesses from each of the state's 83 counties, creating a force to promote pro-growth policies statewide.

Jim Barrett, a valued community leader, has received many appointments and has served on countless boards of directors. As Treasurer of Taxpayers United for Tax Limitation, he implemented successful petition drives in 1976 and 1978 to place a constitutional amendment to limit taxes on a statewide ballot, which passed in 1978. The Governor appointed Mr. Barrett to serve on the Civil Service Task Force in 1979 and the Michigan Economic De-

velopment Authority from 1984 to 1985. Among many others, he currently serves as Chairman of the Ingham Regional Medical Center Board of Trustees, Treasurer of the Michigan Chamber Political Action Committee, and is a member of the Steering Committee for the Michigan Prayer Breakfast.

Jim Barrett, known as a man of integrity, candor and goodwill, has been the deserving recipient of many awards throughout his long, respected career. He was inducted into the Michigan Society of Association Executives Hall of Fame in 2002. A year later, the Michigan Political History Society selected Mr. Barrett as the top Association Leader in Michigan over the last 50 years. Under his solid leadership, the Michigan Chamber was rated the number one lobbyist organization in Michigan.

Madam Speaker, today I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing E. James Barrett for his esteemed service to the State of Michigan as long-time President and CEO of the Michigan Chamber of Commerce. May others know of my high regard for his outstanding leadership and career of excellence, as well as my best wishes for Mr. Barrett in the future.

#### IN TRIBUTE TO LEE STEVENS- GLOVER

### HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 24, 2008*

Mr. STARK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Ms. Lee Stevens-Glover, who is retiring on June 18, 2008 after 36 years of service in music education in the city of Fremont, California. Ms. Stevens-Glover has inspired young voices at Irvington High School from 1972 through 2004 and at Mission San Jose High School from 1982 through 2008.

Ms. Stevens-Glover's exemplary career as a vocal specialist started in 1968 as a graduating senior from Mission San Jose High School, when she was presented with the Bank of America Achievement Award Plaque for Fine Arts. Her excellence in education has earned her many awards and honors. The recognition she has received includes the Distinguished Teacher in Presidential Scholars Program from former President Bill Clinton, the Outstanding Teacher of the Year Award from the Fremont School Management Association, the Outstanding Alumni Teacher of the Year Award from California State University in Hayward, the Excellence in Education Award from the Fremont Education Foundation, and the Don Gerich Award for Outstanding Service to Mission San Jose High School.

On June 15, 2008, a concert and reception will be held to honor Ms. Stevens-Glover's distinguished career in music education. She has provided a wealth of music education to students through the years, which has enriched their lives immeasurably. I join the community in thanking Ms. Stevens-Glover for her dedicated efforts, her inspiration and commitment to all those who were fortunate to be the beneficiary of her extraordinary teaching skills.

## FISA AMENDMENTS ACT OF 2008

SPEECH OF

**HON. RON PAUL**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 20, 2008*

Mr. PAUL. Madam Speaker, I regret that due to the unexpected last-minute appearance of this measure on the legislative calendar this week, a prior commitment has prevented me from voting on the FISA amendments. I have strongly opposed every previous FISA overhaul attempt, and I certainly would have voted against this one as well.

The main reason I oppose this latest version is that it still clearly violates the Fourth Amendment by allowing the Federal Government to engage in the bulk collection of American citizens' communications without a search warrant. That U.S. citizens can have their private communication intercepted by the government without a search warrant is anti-American, deeply disturbing, and completely unacceptable.

In addition to gutting the Fourth Amendment, this measure will deprive Americans who have had their rights violated by telecommunication companies involved in the Administration's illegal wiretapping program the right to seek redress in the courts for the wrongs committed against them. Worse, this measure provides for retroactive immunity, whereby individuals or organizations that broke the law as it existed are granted immunity for prior illegal actions once the law has been changed. Ex post facto laws have long been considered anathema in free societies under rule of law. Our Founding Fathers recognized this, including in Article I section 9 of the Constitution that "No bill of attainder or ex post facto Law shall be passed." How is this FISA bill not a variation of ex post facto? That alone should give pause to supporters of this measure.

Madam Speaker, we should understand that decimating the protections that our Constitution provides us against the government is far more dangerous to the future of this country than whatever external threats may exist. We can protect this country without violating the Constitution and I urge my colleagues to reconsider their support for this measure.

**INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTION  
CALLING ON EGYPT TO RESPECT  
AND UPHOLD RELIGIOUS FREE-  
DOM FOR ALL ITS CITIZENS**

**HON. FRANK R. WOLF**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 24, 2008*

Mr. WOLF. Madam Speaker, today I am introducing a resolution calling on the Government of Egypt to respect and uphold religious freedom for all of its citizens. In the U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom's 2008 report, Egypt remains on the watch list of countries that seriously violate freedom of thought, conscience, and religion or belief.

Members of the Coptic Orthodox Church, the largest non-Muslim minority in Egypt, have a very difficult time. In the last several years there has been an upsurge of attacks targeting Copts. Such attacks include arson of churches, destruction of Coptic-owned property and businesses and physical assaults.

While authorities often arrest suspects in these cases, formal charges are rarely pursued.

The Baha'i religion has been banned since 1960 due to a presidential decree. Members of the Baha'i faith have difficulties obtaining civil documents such as official ID cards, birth certificates, passports, and marriage licenses.

Material vilifying Jews regularly appears in state-controlled and semi-official media, including anti-Semitic cartoons aimed at influencing the opinions of Egyptian youth. The Jehovah's Witnesses cannot congregate in numbers greater than five without facing harassment by government security services.

This resolution is modeled after a similar measure recently passed by the European Union Parliament. The United States was founded upon the principle that all men are endowed with certain unalienable rights, including religious freedom. Ronald Reagan once said that the Constitution is "a kind of covenant. It is a covenant we've made not only with ourselves but with all of mankind."

The United States Congress has a responsibility to speak out for these religious minorities. I encourage all my colleagues, who care about persecuted believers of all faiths, to cosponsor this resolution and add the House's voice to that of the EU Parliament in calling on the Government of Egypt to fully implement and protect the rights of religious minorities as full citizens.

**RECOGNIZING THE IMPORTANCE  
OF EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAMS**

**HON. DANNY K. DAVIS**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 24, 2008*

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Madam Speaker, I rise today to speak on the importance of early childhood education and development programs. The 110th Congress has shown strong commitment to improving education for students of all ages. Notably, we reauthorized Head Start, the premier early childhood program that prepares low income children for school. Now, we must start earlier to prepare our youngest citizens for school. To this end, the Committee on Education and Labor recently passed H.R. 2343, the Education Begins at Home Act, which will improve child well-being, school readiness, and parent involvement in their children's lives.

The Education Begins at Home Act provides the first dedicated funding stream for home visiting programs. Home visiting involves voluntary meetings between specialists in child development and parents and children in their home. The home visitors help develop parenting skills, foster positive child development, and offer support. These programs reduce the stress associated with parenting, assist parents in understanding the educational and developmental needs of their children, and promote healthy parent-child relationships. At least 37 States have these types of programs in place; however, they lack a stable funding stream to ensure effective, long-term services. This bill also targets English language learners and military families. These groups often lack natural support systems that the programs help develop.

Education can never begin too early; the earliest years of brain development are most important, as shown through studies such as those by the National Research Council. High

quality early education programs have helped improve school performance and lower high school drop-out rates. They also have helped reduce the rates of child abuse and identify developmental delays early in life. These programs share common components that contribute to their success—teachers who are knowledgeable about the development of young children, strong staff development and training, and activities that stimulate cognitive as well as social skills. It is these aspects that have brought success time and time again.

Investment in early childhood is sound policy and cost effective as well. A study done by economist Robert G. Lynch in 2007 showed that high-quality programs would save both state and the federal government billions of dollars over decades. According to the study, the total annual benefits of a universal program would begin to pay for itself within nine years by growing a margin each year. According to Lynch, a universal early education program would generate \$191 billion in benefits for the federal government by the year 2050. This result is achieved by creating many more productive members of society and decreasing the number of and associated costs related to incarcerated citizens.

These particular benefits are only a few of the multitude that result from early childhood education programs. Learning is a lifelong activity and children especially deserve the best, beginning with the first day of their life. I urge my colleagues and Congress to continue this investment in early childhood during the remainder of the 110th Congress and in subsequent sessions.

**IN TRIBUTE TO COUNCIL MEMBER  
BILL WARD**

**HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 24, 2008*

Mr. STARK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Hayward, California City Council Member Bill Ward, who will be retiring from office at the end of his term on July 8, 2008. Bill was elected to the Hayward City Council in 1984 and has dedicated 24 years of exemplary service to the city of Hayward during his tenure.

Bill has been a Hayward resident since 1975. He and his wife, Gail, have two adult children. He received his Bachelor of Architecture degree from Howard University in Washington, DC and a Master's degree in City Planning from the University of California, Berkeley.

During his tenure as a member of the Hayward City Council, Bill served on many of the Council's Committees, including the Downtown Committee, Commercial Center Improvement Committee, Technology Application Committee and was the Council Liaison to the Economic Development Committee. He has been instrumental in the initiation and development of many significant projects in Hayward.

He has served on the city of Hayward's Planning Commission, the Board of Zoning Adjustments, and the Citizens Advisory Commission. He is also a former member of the St. Rose Hospital Foundation.

Bill's professional organizations include the American Institute of Certified Planners, the American Planning Association, and the Association of Environmental Professionals.

His intergovernmental agency assignments included service on the Alameda County Housing Authority, the Association of Bay Area Governments, the East Bay Dischargers Authority, and the Regional Airport Planning Committee.

Bill Ward has left an indelible mark on the city of Hayward and beyond. On July 10, 2008, there will be a farewell celebration to thank Council Member Bill Ward for his dedicated public service. I join in applauding him for a job well done and wish him well in his retirement.

#### CONGRATULATIONS TO DR. PETER H. KEHOE

#### HON. PHIL HARE

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 24, 2008*

Mr. HARE. Madam Speaker, today I rise to congratulate Dr. Peter H. Kehoe, who this Saturday will become the 87th president of the American Optometric Association (AOA).

For many years, Dr. Kehoe has been a leader in his profession at the State, regional and national levels. He is a past president of the Illinois Optometric Association and the West Central Illinois Optometric Society. In 2001, the State association named him Illinois' "Optometrist of the Year."

Dr. Kehoe is a graduate of the Illinois College of Optometry and served on its Alumni Council Board of Directors. A Fellow of the American Academy of Optometry, he is in private practice in my hometown of Galesburg, IL, and is a past president of the Galesburg Lions Club.

Doctors of optometry are the Nation's largest eye care providers, serving patients in nearly 6,500 communities across the country. The American Optometric Association is the professional society for optometrists nationwide and has more than 34,000 members. Dr. Kehoe will lead the association along its mission to improve eye and vision care in the United States.

Dr. Peter H. Kehoe has built a renowned record of service and leadership in his profession and in his community. I am confident that he will have a very successful term as president of the AOA. The 17th District of Illinois is proud to have Dr. Kehoe as a constituent and I join his family, friends and colleagues in congratulating him on this achievement and wishing him good luck.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

#### HON. STEVAN PEARCE

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 24, 2008*

Mr. PEARCE. Madam Speaker, on rollcall No. 440, H. Res. 1051—Congratulating James Madison University in Harrisonburg, Virginia, for 100 years of service and leadership to the United States, had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

#### CONGRATULATING THE LEADERSHIP TRAINING INSTITUTE OF AMERICA

#### HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 24, 2008*

Mr. BURGESS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the Leadership Training Institute of America, the leading training program for students seeking instruction in the personal development of leadership and character. Their training program gives students the necessary tools to lead the next generation of young Americans in the traditions, principles, and wisdom imparted to us by our Founding Fathers. The quality of this training assures me of America's bright future as the leader of the world.

The Leadership Training Institute of America is a cultural think tank providing training and opportunity in leadership development and cultural dynamics. This organization encourages youth to apply and excel in leadership and critical thinking skills, study world view conflicts and strategies, network with outstanding leaders, and pursue careers in influential sectors of society.

The Leadership Training Institute of America trains and equips young men and women to be leaders with high standards of personal morality and integrity. The participants are exposed to the major philosophies, views, and issues of our world today and are encouraged to become leaders with convictions built on scientific knowledge, historical record, and Biblical wisdom.

Our Nation is in great need of young men and women of character to lead in every arena of our society.

So, it is with great appreciation that I rise today to commend the vision and accomplishments of the Leadership Training Institute of America. I salute the dedicated staff of this outstanding organization and encourage its increased influence among our Nation's youth.

#### CONGRESSIONAL BLACK CAUCUS MESSAGE HOUR

SPEECH OF

#### HON. STEPHANIE TUBBS JONES

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 23, 2008*

Mrs. JONES of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to stand here tonight on behalf of the Congressional Black Caucus and we discuss the current energy crisis we are facing and the rising gas prices that continue to take a devastating toll on Americans. As we head into the summer months, the Congressional Black Caucus felt it's important to shine a light on this growing problem. More importantly, we wanted the American public to know that the CBC is taking important steps to combat these issues through our CBC Energy Task Force.

I along with the CBC have been working hard to reduce our dependence on foreign oil and bring down record gas prices, and launch a cleaner, smarter energy future for America that lowers costs and creates hundreds of thousands of green jobs.

In an effort to combat soaring gas prices, which are currently hovering around \$4.00 a

gallon, I joined with a number of my colleagues in supporting legislation to temporarily suspend the filling of the Strategic Petroleum Reserve, SPR, until the end of the year. Filling of the SPR takes 70,000 barrels of oil off the market each day and a temporary suspension could reduce gas prices from 5 to 24 cents a gallon, which would be a critical first step for America's families, businesses, and the economy.

The Strategic Petroleum Reserve is roughly 97 percent full—the highest level ever—with enough oil to meet our national security needs. Currently, we have more in SPR, than we did in 2006 (702 million barrels vs. 688 million in 2006) and the inventory exceeds our International Energy Program commitment to maintain at least 90 days of oil stocks in reserve including private and public stocks.

The SPR has been tapped or suspended before by President Bush, President Clinton, and the first President Bush. In 2000, after such action, the price of oil dropped down by one-third—from \$30 to \$20 per barrel.

In addition to this initiative, I have and continue to support legislative action on gas prices including: holding OPEC, controlled entities and oil companies accountable for oil price fixing, cracking down on oil price gouging and repealing subsidies for profit-rich "Big Oil" companies so we can invest in a renewable energy for the future.

Additionally, the CBC has been working diligently on the issue of climate control. We recognize the importance of protecting our environment by transitioning from traditional energy sources, such as coal and petroleum, to clean sources, such as bio-fuel, wind, and solar energy. I am a strong supporter of putting more resources into creating alternative energy sources. When we invest in these alternative energy sources it also benefits our increasingly fragile environment.

Additionally, the new energy sources will create much needed green jobs. According to the Union of Concerned Scientists, Ohio stands to gain approximately 7,360 new jobs from renewable energy development. These jobs will be beneficial to both our economy and our environment.

I thank Representative TOWNS and the entire CBC Energy Task Force for their leadership on this issue.

#### HONORING MONSIGNOR JOSEPH MURPHY

#### HON. VITO FOSSELLA

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 24, 2008*

Mr. FOSSELLA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a great man who has faithfully served the people of Staten Island for many years, Monsignor Joseph Murphy.

Ordained a priest in 1954, Monsignor Murphy then completed three years of graduate work at the Catholic University of America in Washington, DC. After his completion of studies, he served as a Parochial Vicar at Saint Joseph's Parish in Croton Falls, New York from 1957–1959. Following that, he was assigned to the Chancery Office of the Archdiocese of New York from 1959 to 1985, and was the Chancellor of the Archdiocese of New York from 1968 to 1985. Finally, in 1985 he

was assigned to be the pastor of the Church of Saint Clare on Staten Island, a position he has held to the present day.

Monsignor Murphy has always been inspired to help and to serve. From a young age, he was struck by the compassion and caring of the clergy that he met, and he felt drawn to serve his community in the same way. Even after his upcoming retirement, he still plans on working, continuing to help and to serve his community. He has always felt it important to meet people where they are at, going into the community and serving, not waiting for others to come to him. Monsignor Murphy is of the opinion that true service to others demands an active role, not passively waiting around. It is in respect to his life-long desire to aid his fellow person that he be honored today.

HONORING OLD HICKORY POST 77  
AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

**HON. MARSHA BLACKBURN**

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 24, 2008*

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Old Hickory Post 77 American Legion Auxiliary in Lexington, Tennessee on its outstanding work and accomplishments. Across the country, the women of the American Legion Auxiliary strive to promote American patriotism and responsible citizenship. This particular auxiliary in Lexington has fully lived up to the American Legion Auxiliary's mission to serve veterans, their families and their communities.

Chartered in 1933, the Lexington auxiliary was recently reactivated on January 26, 2008. Led by their current president, Julia McBee, the members of this auxiliary have accomplished a great deal in a short period of time. Only days after reactivation, the members of the Lexington Auxiliary organized a Valentine Project for the local National Guard Unit deployed to Iraq. A resounding success, the event raised enough money to send care packages to every member of the unit. These ladies have instituted various projects not only to promote the well-being of veterans and troops, but also to support the community as a whole, with special attention to local Lexington schools.

Please join me in honoring the members of the Lexington American Legion for their hard work, dedication, and unwavering patriotism. I wish to thank all the members of Old Hickory Post 77, including their officers and chairmen: Julia Annice McBee, Jo Ann Cody, Kathy Brown, Oneida Dangler, Mary Appell, Marcia Gilbert, Ruth Hurtt, Marene Snow, Jane Galey, Lutie Houston, Patricia Holmes, Venita Russell, Linda Lindsey, Denise Joyner, Hester Stith, Diane Jowers, Lynn Lewis, Marcia Gilbert, and Janice Barker.

HONORING MUTUAL BENEFIT  
INSURANCE COMPANY

**HON. BILL SHUSTER**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 24, 2008*

Mr. SHUSTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 100th Anniversary of

Mutual Benefit Insurance Company, a successful business located in Huntingdon, Pennsylvania. Incorporated in 1908, Mutual Benefit is an irreplaceable attribute to the business community in both Pennsylvania and Maryland.

At its founding, Mutual Benefit served the residents of Corry, Pennsylvania and was originally known as the Corry Mutual Fire Insurance Company. The company's strong foundation foreshadowed its future successes. In 1934, Corry Mutual's charter was offered to W. Emmert Swigart, founder of Swigart Associates, one of the largest insurance agencies in the state of Pennsylvania. This financially beneficial relationship lasted almost 50 years, until 1983 when the two companies split into separate entities once more. At this time Mutual Benefit found themselves competing once again against one of the largest insurance companies within the state of Pennsylvania. Led by a driven team of leaders, Mutual Benefit rose to this challenge and exemplified many attributes which have worked to set them apart from their competition. Through active leadership, unparalleled trustworthiness, and service to the community Mutual Benefit has become one of the most respected regional carriers in Pennsylvania.

One hundred years after its humble beginning, Mutual Benefit Group now guarantees nearly \$100 million through 250 independent agents located in both Pennsylvania and Maryland. Not only do they serve 78,000 policyholders, but they also serve as an important part of the community by employing 204 people. Known for its customer service, stability and experience, Mutual Benefit Group was recognized as the number one insurance carrier in Pennsylvania and Maryland in 2006.

Mutual Benefit Insurance Company has endeavored throughout its history to improve its policies and atmosphere to fit the needs of the surrounding community. I look forward to celebrating the 100th anniversary of such a wonderful organization, as it has brought a greater appreciation to our area and has surely been an asset to the community. I congratulate Mutual Benefit on reaching this significant milestone and wish the company all the best in its future endeavors.

NATIONAL GUARD AND RESERVE  
ISTS DEBT RELIEF ACT OF 2008

SPEECH OF

**HON. JERROLD NADLER**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 23, 2008*

Mr. NADLER. Madam Speaker, I rise in support of this legislation which is a simple measure the House can take to help protect our troops from undue financial hardship. We constantly receive stern lectures about the importance of supporting the troops. But supporting the troops is more than just wearing a flag pin, or sticking a yellow ribbon on your car, or impugning the patriotism of your political opponents.

Supporting the troops should entail some real benefit for those troops when they need our help. As President Lincoln put it so well, to "care for him who shall have borne the battle and for his widow and his orphan." Perhaps taking proper care of the wounded at

Walter Reed Army Medical Center, or providing them with suitable armor, or providing them with assistance after they return home would be a good place to start.

Here we have the opportunity to help a small number of veterans, estimated at 2,000 to 2,500, by lifting what amounts to a costly and burdensome paperwork burden. According to the Republican witness in the Judiciary Committee, this bill is "targeted, specific, and quite modest."

Will it allow these veterans to commit fraud? No. Creditors, the courts, the trustees, and the Department of Justice have ample tools at their disposal to deal with anyone trying to game the system. The case can still be dismissed for abuse based on the totality of the circumstances, the court can still deny or revoke the debtor's discharge of debts, the military could revoke the debtor's security clearance, and the criminal code provides for fines and imprisonment of up to five years.

The means test is not stopping fraud. The Bush Justice Department, which administers it, has reported that less than half a percent of all cases are dismissed based on the means test.

The form used to implement the means test has 57 separate sections. It takes a pro se debtor approximately 10 to 12 hours, and it rivals IRS form 1040 in complexity. I challenge my colleagues to fill it out.

So today members have real choice. You can vote to support the troops or you can vote to support the big banks. It is a pretty clear choice. I urge my colleagues to support the troops.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. STEVE COHEN**

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 24, 2008*

Mr. COHEN. Madam Speaker, I rise to note that I was unable to arrive on the House floor in time to vote because my flight from Memphis was significantly delayed due to bad weather. Had I been able to vote, I would have voted in favor of the three measures voted on by the House this evening: (1) H. Res. 1242, honoring the life, musical accomplishments, and contributions of Louis Jordan on the 100th Anniversary of his birth; (2) H. Con. Res. 372, supporting the goals and ideals of Black Music Month and to honor the outstanding contributions that African American singers and musicians have made to the United States; and (3) H. Res. 1051, congratulating James Madison University in Harrisonburg, Virginia, for 100 years of service and leadership to the United States.

IN HONOR OF ROBERT STOLDAL'S  
CAREER

**HON. SHELLEY BERKLEY**

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 24, 2008*

Ms. BERKLEY. Madam Speaker, I rise to speak in honor of one of America's finest broadcast journalists and most effective community leaders, on the occasion of his retirement this month.

Robert Stoldal has achieved well-deserved legendary stature over his 41-year career at Las Vegas' CBS affiliate, KLAS-TV, Channel 8. Bob's insistence on the highest journalistic standards of accuracy, thoroughness, fairness, and aggressiveness established a clear benchmark of professional values which has been followed by hundreds of journalists, videographers, producers, and editors. Uniformly, those who have worked for Bob credit him with improving their professionalism through his guidance and the example he sets.

Bob is a good friend of mine, and he has my highest respect as a newsman and as a preeminent leader of the city we both love so much, Las Vegas. Bob has led the charge for community causes too numerous to mention, even as he has led one of America's top local newscasts for decades.

Bob and his corps of news professionals at Channel 8 and sister station, Las Vegas NEWS ONE, consistently earn the highest honors awarded by the national broadcast news industry. At the same time, Bob Stoldal worked successfully for television cameras to gain access to courtrooms; battled over the years to preserve Nevada's historical legacy; gained recognition across the Silver State as an authority on Nevada history; and, devoted himself to the growth of his alma mater, UNLV.

Bob Stoldal has the trait common to all great journalists—courage—courage to stand up to organized crime and political corruption, courage to accept the risk of going into a highly dangerous jailhouse stand-off and negotiate a peaceful solution, and, the courage to take on the federal government over its use and abuse of Nevada as a nuclear proving ground, as just some examples of his fortitude.

Southern Nevada is indeed most fortunate that a person of Bob's unflagging energy, enthusiasm, creativity, and tenacity has set the pace for the area's newsgathering during the four decades that metro Las Vegas has led the nation in population growth.

Bob, I congratulate you on a tremendous career, of which I, and our fellow Las Vegans, are so proud. I know you will keep giving your all for our community in your purported retirement!

Best wishes to you, Kay, and your family as we look to the future.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. THOMAS H. ALLEN

OF MAINE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 24, 2008*

Mr. ALLEN. Madam Speaker, on June 23, 2008, I was unavoidably absent from the House.

If I had been present, I would have voted Yes on rollcall Vote No. 438, a motion by Mr. SARBANES of Maryland to suspend the rules and pass H. Res. 1242, a resolution honoring the life, musical accomplishments, and contributions of Louis Jordan on the 100th anniversary of his birth.

I would have voted Yes on rollcall Vote No. #439, a motion by Mr. SARBANES of Maryland

to suspend the rules and pass H. Con. Res. 372, a resolution supporting the goals and ideals of Black Music Month and to honor the outstanding contributions that African American singers and musicians have made to the United States.

Finally, I would have voted Yes on rollcall Vote No. 440, a motion by Mr. SARBANES of Maryland to suspend the rules and pass H. Res. 1051, a resolution congratulating James Madison University in Harrisonburg, Virginia, for 100 years of service and leadership to the United States.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. DEVIN NUNES

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 24, 2008*

Mr. NUNES. Madam Speaker, on the legislative day of Monday, June 23, 2008, I was unavoidably detained and was unable to cast a vote on a number of rollcall votes. Had I been present, I would have voted: rollcall 438—"aye"; rollcall 439—"aye"; and rollcall 440—"aye".

#### TRIBUTE TO SAINT GERARD PARISH

### HON. TIMOTHY WALBERG

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 24, 2008*

Mr. WALBERG. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Saint Gerard Parish in Lansing, Michigan on the celebration of its fiftieth anniversary. It is with great admiration and pride that I congratulate St. Gerard on behalf of all of those in south-central Michigan who have benefited from its steadfast commitment to faith, education, outreach and prayer.

St. Gerard Parish, named after St. Gerard Majella, Patron of Mothers, was established in June of 1958. Lacking a permanent meeting place, its first Sunday services were held in the gymnasium of Bretton Woods School. Each parishioner was asked to give an hour's salary a week to build a temporary church and less than a year later, in April of 1959, ground was broken. The first liturgy in the packed 800-seat church occurred during Christmas Midnight Mass in 1959, and in the fall of 1960, Saint Gerard School opened its doors for its first class.

In October of 1974, a fund drive was announced for a permanent church building. Within three short months, the \$350,000 goal was surpassed by \$180,000. Bishop James S. Sullivan dedicated the present church on June 15, 1975. St. Gerard Parish continues to grow, requiring an expansion of its facilities beginning in 2000. Mirroring the impressive growth-rate of the church, St. Gerard School is now filled to capacity with 350 students enrolled.

St. Gerard Parish stands out for its deep involvement in the Lansing community, and it constantly seeks out ways to serve those in need. The church sponsors countless outreach programs, including Senior Citizen

potlucks and Bingo nights, Couple to Couple League and the Lansing Regional Council of Catholic Women. St. Gerard has also been extremely instrumental in reaching out to the sick and homebound through its Befriender Ministry and Respite Care. It is impossible to measure the enormous impact these ministries have had on lives throughout Lansing. They merely reflect the loving hearts of the St. Gerard community and testify to the unwavering faith that has flourished at St. Gerard for the past fifty years.

Madam Speaker, today I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Saint Gerard Parish on the celebration of its fiftieth anniversary since first coming together to follow the Lord Jesus. May others know of my high regard for the St. Gerard community's inspiring faith and eagerness to serve, as well as my best wishes for Saint Gerard Parish in the future.

#### POSITIVE CONTRIBUTIONS OF IMMIGRANTS

### HON. JOE BACA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 24, 2008*

Mr. BACA. Madam Speaker, the positive contributions of the immigrant labor force to our society are too often unnoticed.

Hardworking families contribute daily and pay their share into the American system.

Hardworking mothers sometimes work three jobs, give up weekends, and take overtime and night shifts to feed and clothe their children.

Hardworking fathers wake up at 4 a.m. to go to work, earn below minimum wages, and manage to provide for their families.

Immigrants contribute in taxes from their paychecks, just like the next person.

In fact, the IRS reported that between 1996–2003, immigrants contributed \$50 billion in Federal taxes.

Social Security reported that "other than legal immigrants," will contribute 15 percent of the system's projected long term deficit.

We cannot afford to ignore the figures and more importantly, we cannot afford to ignore the positive contributions of immigrants in America.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 24, 2008*

Ms. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ of California. Madam Speaker, unfortunately, I was unable to be present in the Capitol on Monday, June 23, 2008, and was unable to cast votes on the House floor that evening.

However, had I been present I would have voted "yea" on H. Res. 1242, Honoring the life, musical accomplishments, and contributions of Louis Jordan on the 100th anniversary of his birth; "yea" on H. Con. Res. 372, Supporting the goals and ideals of Black Music

Month and to honor the outstanding contributions that African American singers and musicians have made to the United States; and “yea” on H. Res. 1051, Congratulating James Madison University in Harrisonburg, Virginia, for 100 years of service and leadership to the United States.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

##### HON. ALBIO SIREs

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 24, 2008*

Mr. SIREs. Madam Speaker, had I been present, I would have voted “yes” on rollcall 438 on H. Res. 1242; “yes” on rollcall 439 on H. Con. Res. 372; and “yes” on rollcall 440 on H. Res. 1051.

COMMEMORATING THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE DEATH OF MISSISSIPPI CIVIL RIGHTS WORKERS: GOODMAN, SCHWERNER AND CHANEY

##### HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 24, 2008*

Mr. RANGEL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 44th anniversary of the tragic death of Mississippi civil rights activists: Andrew Goodman, James Chaney and Michael Schwerner.

The murder of Goodman, Schwerner and Chaney occurred in Philadelphia, Mississippi, on June 21, 1964. These three young, courageous and bright men came to Philadelphia to fight for freedom and justice, promote equality in voting and bring peace and a better life for all people of Neshoba County. The American Civil Rights Movement carried out the mission of “Freedom Summer” determined to encourage equal voter registration regardless of race. The “Freedom Summer” participants included many Jewish-American and African-Americans, dedicated to such a noble cause. Unfortunately, three of the best, idealistic, and brightest of the volunteers who responded to the call to come to Mississippi and work for justice, were cowardly kidnapped and brutally murdered by the coldblooded activists of the Ku Klux Klan. Public outrage and demands for justice led to the FBI’s thorough investigation of this shocking murder case. For several weeks the American people followed the unfolding of this horrible event in the televised newscasts. The bodies of Goodman, Chaney and Schwerner were found 44 days later, buried in the dam with bullets in their hearts. Three years after the murders, FBI arrested 21 active members of the Ku Klux Klan and indicted 19 of them.

The realization of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Voting Rights Act of 1965 came in part as a result of public reaction to the brutal murders of Goodman, Chaney and Schwerner as well as through demonstrations, marches and public demand for passing these critical laws. Andrew Goodman, James Chaney and Michael Schwerner were committed to fight for justice and democracy in their beloved country. They believed in con-

stitutional rights for all, regardless of race, gender or religion. Even today this struggle is not yet over. We should continue the noble fight for justice.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

##### HON. TIMOTHY V. JOHNSON

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 24, 2008*

Mr. JOHNSON of Illinois. Madam Speaker, unfortunately last night, June 23, 2008, I was unable to cast my votes on H. Res. 1242, H. Con. Res. 372, and H. Res. 1051, and wish the record to reflect my intentions had I been able to vote.

Had I been present for rollcall No. 438 on suspending the rules and passing H. Res. 1242, Honoring the life, musical accomplishments, and contributions of Louis Jordan on the 100th anniversary of his birth, I would have voted “aye.”

Had I been present for rollcall No. 439 on suspending the rules and passing H. Con. Res. 372, Supporting the goals and ideals of Black Music Month, I would have voted “aye.”

Had I been present for rollcall No. 440 on suspending the rules and passing H. Res. 1051, Congratulating James Madison University in Harrisonburg, Virginia, for 100 years of service and leadership to the United States, I would have voted “aye.”

#### HONORING RONNIE HEEP

##### HON. RON LEWIS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 24, 2008*

Mr. LEWIS of Kentucky. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a remarkable citizen from my congressional district. Ronnie Heep, Chief of the Owensboro Fire Department, is retiring next month after 30 years of service.

Chief Heep first joined the Owensboro Fire Department in 1978, following in the footsteps of his father, Stewart, who himself served for 32 years. Ronnie steadily rose through the ranks, becoming a serious firefighter and public servant, culminating with his appointment as Chief in 2004.

As Chief, he has been responsible for training and managing a diverse crew of firefighters, purchasing and maintaining fire apparatus, and developing policies designed to help the department run as efficiently and safely as possible. He has been personally responsible for countless acts of heroism throughout his three decades as a firefighter and a medical first responder. His collective efforts have saved lives, protected property, and contributed to the overall safety and comfort enjoyed by those who live and work in Owensboro, KY.

It is my great privilege to honor Ronnie Heep today before the entire United States House of Representatives. His distinguished career, along with his unwavering dedication to his family and fellow firefighters, is a portrait of outstanding citizenship worthy of our collective respect and appreciation.

#### THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF HIGHER DIMENSION MATERIALS

##### HON. MICHELE BACHMANN

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 24, 2008*

Mrs. BACHMANN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the achievements of an amazing company from Oakdale, Minnesota. Higher Dimension Materials has perfected a groundbreaking new material—called SuperFabric—which may literally revolutionize the world of material science and which has life-saving applications for our service men and women.

Under the bold and pioneering leadership of Dr. Young-Hwa-Kim, HDM has developed a line of SuperFabric materials, which possess an astonishing strength, flexibility and resistance and are open to an equally astonishing array of uses. After 10 years of painstaking research, HDM has successfully overcome the challenge of developing a polymer that possesses both great density and great flexibility. SuperFabrics incorporate hard solids with flexible fabrics to create new composite fabrics that maintain their original flexibility and yet are resistant to fire, abrasions, cuts and punctures.

In fact, NASA, law enforcement agencies and the United States military have all expressed great interest in taking advantage of Higher Dimensions’ breakthroughs. For instance, the military is applying Super Fabrics technology in the making of boots for the special-ops community and also potentially life-saving vests for Coast Guard divers. NASA is even testing SuperFabrics for new space gloves.

So revolutionary are these technologies that the University of Minnesota is putting them on display in their new Museum of Design. And the U.S. Department of Commerce’s Office of Textiles and Apparel has selected HDM to participate in their European Outdoor Show—one of the world’s major international trade shows, focusing on performance textiles.

These are but a few of the honors HDM has received for its ingenious technological advances. Thanks to the devotion and brilliance of people like Dr. Kim and the scientists at HDM, America continues to lead the world in the development of new technologies.

Higher Dimension Materials is a true credit to the state of Minnesota and I am honored to recognize their achievements today.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

##### HON. STEVAN PEARCE

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 24, 2008*

Mr. PEARCE. Madam Speaker, on rollcall No. 438 H. Res. 1242—Honoring the life, musical accomplishments, and contributions of Louis Jordan on the 100th anniversary of his birth. Had I been present, I would have voted “yea.”



## TRIBUTE TO CHARLES GIPP

**HON. TOM LATHAM**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 24, 2008*

Mr. LATHAM. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a dedicated servant to the people of Iowa—Charles “Chuck” Gipp. Chuck, who has served the people of Iowa in the state legislature for the past 18 years, is retiring from that body this year.

Chuck was born and raised in Winneshiek County in Iowa—the same county that he and his wife Ranae raised their two children, Allison and Barrett, and where they still reside today.

Chuck has spent his legislative career as a true leader throughout. After serving 12 years in the Iowa Legislature, Chuck was unanimously chosen to serve as the Majority Leader of the Iowa House in 2002. From 1992–1993, he served as a House Assistant Majority Leader. In 1994, the position of House Majority Whip was created, where Chuck served until 1999. Chuck was then selected by House leadership in 2000 to Chair the Transportation, Capitals and Infrastructure Committee. In 2001, Chuck was selected once again to serve as a House Assistant Majority Leader while continuing to serve as Chair of the Transportation, Capitals and Infrastructure Committee.

Long before I was elected to serve in Iowa’s Fourth Congressional District in 2002, I knew Chuck and of his reputation as a leader who was highly respected by the people he was elected to serve as well as his colleagues in Des Moines. Chuck has been a valuable advisor and resource to me on the many issues and concerns important to our shared constituents in Iowa’s 16th District.

Chuck has often said that he never thought about pursuing a career in the politics when he was growing up on the family farm or even during his days at Luther College in Decorah. Chuck got involved in the political process for the same reasons any true dedicated servant of the people does—because of the circumstances that directly impacted his family and neighbors. Chuck Gipp wanted to make a difference in the lives of Iowans, and he has accomplished that goal and made a positive difference in the lives of countless people throughout the years.

President Abraham Lincoln said it best when I think about what Chuck Gipp has done for Iowa. He said, “Whatever you are, be a good one.” And, while during his younger days Chuck may not have envisioned one day becoming a legislator, he did. And he was more than a good one—he was a great servant of the people.

I know that my colleagues in the United States Congress join me in congratulating Chuck Gipp on a remarkable career in the Iowa Legislature and wishing him and Ranae all the best throughout their future endeavors.

## THE DAILY 45: JASMINE THURMAN’S LOST DREAMS

**HON. BOBBY L. RUSH**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 24, 2008*

Mr. RUSH. Madam Speaker, the Department of Justice tells us that, everyday, 45 people, on average, are fatally shot in the United States. No community is exempt from the carnage. Last weekend, in the Detroit suburb of Royal Oak Township, 18-year-old Jasmine Thurman, a recent graduate of Ferndale High School, was shot to death in what police describe as a feud between teenage girls from a nearby public housing complex.

Jasmine Thurman had a family. Jasmine Thurman had dreams. Jasmine Thurman had a bright future that was snuffed out in an instant by a gun. Jasmine, the grand-niece of township Trustee Francine Thurman, was dead on arrival at an area hospital and leaves behind a grieving family and friends.

Her cousin, 16-year-old Chanique Stone, said this to investigators on the scene, “If that happened to her, what’s going to happen to me?”

Americans of conscience must come together to stop the senseless death of “The Daily 45.” When will we say “enough is enough, stop the killing.”

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. RON KIND**

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 24, 2008*

Mr. KIND. Madam Speaker, I was unable to have my vote recorded on the House floor on Monday, June 23, 2008, having remained in my district to assist my constituents with the severe flooding that recently struck Wisconsin. Had I been present, I would have voted in favor of H. Res. 1242 (roll No. 438), H. Con. Res. 372 (roll No. 439), and H. Res. 1051 (roll No. 440).

## HONORING JIMMY SCURLOCK FOR A DISTINGUISHED CAREER IN PUBLIC SERVICE

**HON. JOHN S. TANNER**

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 24, 2008*

Mr. TANNER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge my friend Jimmy Scurlock, who is retiring from 25 years of public service to the town of Dover, Tennessee, which I am proud to represent in this chamber.

Jimmy has served as City Administrator in Dover since 1983 and also currently serves on the board of Local Government Data Processing. He was elected to two terms on the Tennessee Municipal League Board of Directors and served as President of the Tennessee City Management Association in 2001 and 2002. He was honored statewide last year when he was elected city manager of the year by the Tennessee City Management Association.

Over the years, Jimmy has been instrumental in enacting the infrastructure improvements that we know are so important for our families’ quality of life and to support economic growth. Jimmy has worked closely with others to upgrade Dover’s water and sewage facilities and revitalize the downtown business district. I am proud of the progress made in Stewart County over the years, and I know our families there will continue to see the benefits of Jimmy’s hard work.

Before Jimmy became City Administrator, he was associated with his mother Mary Ann in the family’s florist business. Many of us who have known the family for years know that Jimmy inherited his flair for public service from his father, the late J.T. Scurlock, who represented a portion of northern middle Tennessee in the Tennessee General Assembly with distinction for a number of years. Betty Ann and I have had the opportunity to spend a great deal of time with Jimmy and his wife Nan as Jimmy and our friend Don Cherry have been among my closest advisers in northern middle Tennessee. We have frequently turned to Jimmy and Don for leadership and guidance in working with the people of Stewart County.

Madam Speaker, I hope you and our colleagues will join me in thanking Jimmy Scurlock for his long service to our community and State and wish him and his family all the best as he begins his retirement.

## TRIBUTE TO TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

**HON. TOM LATHAM**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 24, 2008*

Mr. LATHAM. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize a milestone that will be celebrated this weekend by the people of Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church in Webster City, Iowa. This Sunday, June 29th the people of Trinity Evangelical Lutheran will celebrate the 50th anniversary of the dedication of its current location at 1229 Kathy Lane.

The congregation will recreate the May 25, 1958, processional walk from the original location on Des Moines Street just as it was done a half century ago. Trinity’s oldest confirmed member, Dimple Raven, who was part of the original procession, will join fellow members as they duplicate the walk. Ashlyn Sue Hill, Trinity’s youngest member, will also play an important role in the 50th anniversary celebration with her baptism during Sunday’s special worship service.

Also joining in the celebration will be former Trinity pastors Raymond Roden and Doug Tiffany.

I know that my colleagues in the United States Congress join me in congratulating the Reverend Dr. Mike Kroona, the staff and the congregation of Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church on this milestone and wishing them grace and peace throughout the following years.



NEW AND EMERGING TECH-  
NOLOGIES 911 IMPROVEMENT  
ACT OF 2008

SPEECH OF

**HON. BART GORDON**

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 23, 2008*

Mr. GORDON of Tennessee. Madam Speaker, I rise today to offer unanimous consent to consider the Senate amendment to H.R. 3403, the New and Emerging Technologies 911 Improvement Act of 2008.

When Americans dial 911, they expect the call will go through, regardless of what phone they use. That is why Congress acted in 1999 and 2004 to ensure all Americans had access to 911 services on their wireless phones.

Congress now needs to act to ensure that all Americans have access to lifesaving 911 services on their Voice over the Internet Protocol or VoIP phones and other new technologies.

When I first drafted this legislation in 2005, the intent was to integrate VoIP phones into the Nation's 911 system. Since then the bill has been expanded to include nonvoice technologies used by the deaf and hard of hearing community and other innovative technologies that will exponentially improve public safety for all Americans.

Specifically, the bill will provide VoIP phone service providers direct access to the 911 system at the same rates, terms and conditions, as wireless phone providers. The bill also authorizes VoIP service providers to share customer location information with public safety answering points, PSAPs. This will ensure VoIP services providers can provide full E-911 services to their customers.

The bill extends existing State laws protecting 911 calls made using wireline and wireless phones to not only VoIP 911 calls, but also to any service obligated by the FCC to provide 911 in future, and any service that coordinates with local 911 authorities to offer voluntary 911 emergency services. This will include Video Relay Services and text service used by the deaf and hard of hearing, and new car based 911 services.

By doing this, we will encourage the rapid deployment of innovative new lifesaving 911 technologies, rather than wait for Congress to extend essential liability protections to new technologies.

The bill preserves State, Tribal and local governments' authority to levy 911 fees and stops such fees from being diverted for non 911 purposes.

Finally, the legislation seeks to modernize the Nation's 911 system by requiring the National 911 Coordination Office to establish a national plan to move to an IP-based emergency response network, and allowing 911 PSAP grants to be used for IP-based equipment.

Today's 911 system uses 30-year-old wire and switch technology. Moving to an IP-based system will enable PSAPs for the first time to be interoperable with each other and other first responders. It will also allow them to handle a range of technologies—digital or analog, wireless phone, video, text messaging, data, satellite, VoIP, translation services and even maps of buildings. And it will allow PSAPs to stay operating even if the phone system goes

down or their physical locations are destroyed. Events like 9/11 and Hurricane Katrina where 911 systems were overwhelmed highlight why a robust IP based 911 system must be a priority.

H.R. 3403 is supported by the National Emergency Numbering Association, the VON Coalition, the National Cable & Telecommunications Association, Earthlink, Inc, the Coalition of Organizations for Accessible Technology, Motorola, Intrado, the Telecommunications Systems, Inc., and the U.S. Telecommunications Association.

I want to thank the Energy and Commerce Committee and its staff for the bipartisan effort to move this bill quickly.

I also want to thank Senator TED STEVENS, Senator BILL NELSON, the Senate sponsor of the bill, and the co-chairs of E-911 Congressional Caucus Representative ANNA ESHOO, Representative JOHN SHIMKUS, Senator HILARY CLINTON.

Working collaboratively with public safety, the deaf and disabled community and the communications industry, we have produced a bill that will greatly improve 911 services in America today and for the future.

I'll close by encouraging my colleagues to vote for this bill.

HONORING THE LIFE AND WORK  
OF MS. MING CHIEN HSU

**HON. JOHN L. MICA**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 24, 2008*

Mr. MICA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the career and contributions of Ming Chien Hsu upon her retirement following a long career in the maritime industry. During the course of her professional life, Ms. Hsu repeatedly distinguished herself in the fields of transportation and international commerce; as well as in government service and community leadership.

Born in Beijing, China, Ms. Hsu came to the United States in the days following World War II. Settling in Washington, she enrolled in, and graduated Summa Cum Laude from, the School of Government Affairs at George Washington University. Degree in hand, Ms. Hsu moved to New Jersey where she began a career that has been interesting and impressive by any measure.

Coming to the workplace in an era before it was common to see women in executive positions, Ms. Hsu joined the RCA Corporation, where she worked in positions related to marketing and planning before being promoted to Vice President for International Trade. Among her many successes at RCA, Ms. Hsu played a vital role in opening the China market for her company, a success enjoyed years before most companies were even contemplating the possibility of doing business in that country.

The leadership and accomplishments of Ming Hsu in the arena of global commerce not only caught the attention of her superiors at RCA, but also that of New Jersey Governor Timothy Kean, who in 1982 appointed her Director of the New Jersey Department of Commerce Division of International Trade and Special Trade Representative, positions she held for 8 years. In those capacities, she led more than 20 trade missions all over the world, in-

cluding to destinations such as Moscow, Saudi Arabia, and Singapore.

In 1990, Ms. Hsu was appointed by President George H.W. Bush as a Commissioner on the Federal Maritime Commission where she served for almost 10 years under four different Chairmen. During her tenure, the Federal Maritime Commission tackled some of the most challenging issues related to shipping in recent years including the Ocean Shipping Reform Act; discriminatory port practices in Japan; and, market access issues in the People's Republic of China. Her ability to work closely with her fellow Commissioners, irrespective of their political affiliation, earned her the respect of her colleagues and she played a key role in assuring that matters before or affecting the Commission were considered carefully and completely and that the final results were equitable to all parties concerned. Ms. Hsu made many valuable contributions to the Federal Maritime Commission and shipping during what was a critical era for that agency and the industry it oversees.

Though she left the Federal Maritime Commission in 1999, Ms. Hsu has remained actively involved in the shipping world working for the NOL Group the past 10 years. The NOL Group is the Singapore-based parent of one of the most historic shipping lines in the United States, American President Lines, which is celebrating the 160th anniversary of its founding this year. In her capacity as a senior advisor, Ms. Hsu has played a leading role for her company in addressing market access issues, providing guidance on regulatory matters, and serving as a sounding board on a variety of concerns related to trade and ocean transportation.

Beyond her many impressive contributions to the transportation and trade communities, Ms. Hsu is a civic-minded individual who always has been, and continues to be, involved in many philanthropic and service related activities. Earlier in her career, Ms. Hsu served as a member of the Defense Advisory Committee on Women in the Services, DACOWITS; a member of the New Jersey Advisory Committee of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights; the Advisory Committee of the U.S. Holocaust Museum; as a trustee of the Newark Museum; and as an advisor to WNET, Channel 13, in New York.

Her more recent volunteer and service efforts include: being a founding member and serving as a director of the Committee of 100, an organization of leading Chinese-American Citizens; serving as director on the J.T. Tai Foundation; being a sponsor of the Eisenhower Foundation; serving as a trustee of the Angel Island Project; serving as a trustee of the 1990 Institute; serving as a member of the Executive Committee of the Asian/Pacific American Legal Center; being a sponsor of the Hopkins-Nanjing Center; and serving as a member of the Advisory Board of the United States Merchant Marine Academy where she is a perennial presence at graduation, and in fact, she will be at the Academy in June to see the Class of 2008 receive their diplomas and commissions.

I am told by those who know Ms. Hsu best that one of her greatest passions is mentoring others and toward that goal, she has taught college classes; worked to cultivate promising young professionals inside and outside of government; and simply made herself available in general to provide advice and guidance to

those who seek the benefit of her many years of experience. During her tenure at the Federal Maritime Commission, one of her administrative accomplishments was preparing a whole generation of Senior Executive Service employees, many of whom continue to serve at that agency today.

Madam Speaker, throughout her career, Ming Hsu has been a pioneer, someone unafraid of a challenge and an individual who has repeatedly distinguished herself, yet doing so with graciousness and good will. She is an impressive and amazing woman who we thank for her selfless service in so many capacities and who we wish good health and good fortune in the years to come.

FOOD, CONSERVATION, AND ENERGY ACT OF 2008—VETO MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES (H. DOC. NO. 110-125)

SPEECH OF

**HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO**

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 18, 2008*

Ms. DeLAURO. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of the override of the President veto. As a conferee on the farm bill I worked hard to ensure that this bill includes significant improvements to the food assistance program via the nutrition title. A nation with the agricultural abundance we enjoy should not tolerate hunger among its people. This legislation makes important progress in that regard.

Many of its nutrition provisions are important and deserve mention. In the interests of time, however, I will not go into them all. One of the positive aspects of the protracted process of passing the bill is that all Members have had ample opportunity to review the conference report and floor statements surrounding its passage. This is large and complex legislation, and the legislative history accumulated on its first passage and first override is an invaluable guide to Members.

I found particularly helpful the statements of the distinguished chairman of the Nutrition Subcommittee, Mr. BACA, and his distinguished fellow conferee from the Judiciary Committee, Mr. BERMAN. Among other things, they pointed out that this legislation takes decisive steps to preserve the longstanding ability of households on the food stamp program to seek help through the judicial system when Federal rules on how the program is to be administered are not being met. Specifically, the bill provides explicit recognition of applicants' and recipients' suits to enforce the Food Stamp Act, now the Food and Nutrition Act, food stamp regulations, and civil rights regulations.

This is the right thing to do and it is important. In light of the Gonzaga and Sandoval cases, some have argued that Congress did not provide this right to injured households and that instead only USDA can require States to change practices that do not comply with the Act or regulations. Those cases were about different statutes and different programs. Nonetheless, recent decisions out of Ohio and New York either questioned the enforceability of Federal regulations or imposed special hurdles plaintiffs must surmount, such

as showing a particular degree of egregiousness on the part of defendants. These cases are radical departures from the history of this program and Congress's oft-demonstrated intent.

I agree with Representatives BACA and BERMAN that the Food Stamp Program's needs are different from those in which private rights of action are narrowly construed. And, over the years Congress has recognized that. Individuals that received, or wished to receive, food assistance brought numerous cases against State and local authorities in the 1970s to enforce provisions of the Food Stamp Act, its implementing regulations, and even USDA's certification manual. They did this because USDA lacked the resources to force States to comply with its guidance and directives, including basic services standards such as emergency food stamps for the neediest. When Congress wrote the Food Stamp Act of 1977, it analyzed the results of that litigation in detail, approving some results and writing the statute to reach a different result from others. A similar pattern has continued to this day.

We set high standards for the States, counties and localities that run these programs. We do that because they are serving our most vulnerable citizens with tens of billions of Federal dollars. The high standards of compliance that we apply to State and local administration of the program can be seen in our payment accuracy and quality control measurement system, one of the most extensive in the Federal Government. This system, however, does not give equal or adequate weight to improper denials of benefits as it does to payment errors to eligible households. And it does not at all address violations of the procedures set out in the statute and regulations. For example, quality control does not deal with a State's failure to operate a proper fair hearing system, with its improper disclosure of households' confidential information, or with its delay in processing applications beyond statutory and regulatory deadlines.

Claimants' litigation has proven the ideal complement to the quality control system. Where a program is being run badly in a locality, or statewide, a court can issue a corrective injunction to require the State to come into compliance with Federal regulations. This is particularly important in cases where the violation may not have resulted in a denial of benefits, such as violations of privacy protections or of the requirement that only State merit systems workers make decisions about households' ability to receive benefits.

Our goal has never been to punish States and so we do not concern ourselves with why the program is out of compliance. We merely seek to ensure that States comply with Federal rules when administering this program. Litigation has proven time and again that it is the ideal vehicle for that. Past Federal appellate decisions from places such as Virginia and Oregon have it exactly right: State and local administrators need to comply fully in every case.

There is no half-way or partial compliance with the programs' rules. We agree with past federal appellate decisions from places such as Virginia and Oregon that state and local administrators must comply with the rules in each and every case. States must deliver benefits consistent with the program's regulations and law to ensure that the most vulnerable

and needy are protected and supported as they seek to participate in the program. Litigation has proven time and again that it is the ideal vehicle to enforce compliance where States are only partially meeting program standards.

In other programs, the solution to non-compliance may be reducing or terminating federal funds. That is still possible in these programs, but it cannot be a mainstay of enforcement activities. We learned that withdrawing Federal funding led to worse, not better, program administration, depriving States of the resources they needed to correct their problems at the worst possible time. Accordingly, in the last farm bill we modified quality control to place much less emphasis on reducing funding to states. USDA over the years has similarly felt that withholding funding even for serious violations is often counterproductive.

It should be clear that the long history of congressional approval of litigation by needy individuals supports the continuation of that regulation. The statute's entitlement is closely linked with States' obligation to comply with Federal regulations. Particularly with some States embarking on radical changes in their administration of the program, closing offices and turning key functions over to private contractors, it is crucial that the program's intended low-income beneficiaries have access to courts to test the legality of those changes. Although I would have preferred to have expanded the protections on public administration of the program, as the House bill would have done, our acceptance of the Senate package was a compromise that ensures households' access to the courts to test these States' practices under the current restrictions.

SLOAN MUSEUM AND LONGWAY PLANETARIUM

**HON. DALE E. KILDEE**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 24, 2008*

Mr. KILDEE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Sloan Museum and Longway Planetarium for receiving accreditation from the American Association of Museums. Sloan Museum and Longway Planetarium join an elite group of 775 accredited institutions out of 17,500 museums in the United States.

Located in my hometown of Flint, Michigan, Sloan Museum and Longway Planetarium are icons of the Flint Cultural Center. The greater Flint community began planning the Flint College and Cultural Center in 1952. The Sloan Museum, named after Alfred P. Sloan, was designated as the transportation and local history museum and now includes the Buick Gallery and Research Center opened in 1999. The Robert T. Longway Planetarium was conceived as a place to teach students and the greater public about the universe and general science. The two institutions merged in 2004.

Accreditation by the American Association of Museums is the culmination of a 2-year-long application process. To receive accreditation a museum has to demonstrate a commitment to outstanding programming for the public and at the same time meet high standards for the care of the scientific and cultural artifacts in its custody. The Sloan Museum and Longway Planetarium meet the exacting

standards of each criterion. Currently the Sloan Museum Annual Auto Fair will take place this coming weekend and on display is the Nicola Bulgari collection of vintage General Motors automobiles. The Longway Planetarium is currently displaying a moon rock, on loan from NASA, which was brought back to Earth by *Apollo 16*.

Madam Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in congratulating Sloan Museum and Longway Planetarium for receiving this prestigious accreditation. For over 50 years the staff, volunteers and community have worked diligently to maintain these jewels of the Flint area and this is a well-deserved honor for both Sloan Museum and Longway Planetarium.

A POEM IN HONOR OF KING  
GEORGE PITTMAN

HON. KENDRICK B. MEEK

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 24, 2008*

Mr. MEEK of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise in tribute of my beloved uncle, King George Pittman. He was an American patriot and hero who bravely fought during World War Two and the Korean War in defense of our nation. It is my privilege to submit this poem written by Albert Caswell of the Capitol Guide Service who has honored my uncle with these words.

SOMEONE, TO LOOK UP TO

There are people in our world . . .  
All in how they've lived their lives, that all  
our little boys and girls . . . should  
look up to!  
Who, are but The Greatest Examples of Shining  
Faith . . . who are but Our Very  
Best, all in so many ways . . .  
Who stand tall and proud . . .  
Who no matter what the cost, the price . . .  
their fine hearts were heard beating  
loud!  
Who in their moments upon this earth, have  
so shown but their fine true worth . . .  
all in our lives endowed!  
As Someone To Look Up To . . .  
As Sarge, as he was called . . . unto this our  
world, such a great life so brought into  
view . . .  
As a Proud American, who once so dared . . .  
a real and fine American who so cared,  
all in what he would do!  
As when a world stood at its edge . . .  
As all around him so, such an evil darkness  
bled . . . when a young hero, his life so  
pledged!  
Coming Home, after helping To Save The  
World . . . as into a new war, his heroic  
life was again so led!  
Sarge! A Good Life! An Officer and A Gentleman  
first . . .  
Even though he had but so lived through but  
the very . . . very worst . . .  
As still, another great war had lie ahead . . .  
as he had come home to discrimination's  
curse!  
But, he never gave up or in . . .  
Because, in his Country Tis A Thee . . . as he  
so believed in, to be counted on this  
man . . .  
All in his life conceived, all in the way his  
family had brought him up so indeed  
. . . as he stood tall time and again!  
Showing his Nation, as in his life so lies The  
Truth . . .  
That Black Is Beautiful, and all in his courage  
and character so dutiful . . . as lies  
the proof

A shining example of faith and how, showing  
us all the way so now . . . as King  
George's life, makes hearts race . . .  
it's a beaut!

For In Our Darkest Hours!

Only with Our Faith . . . Courage . . . Kindness . . .  
and Our Character . . . can  
we so overpower, the darkness which  
around us towers!

And To Rise Above, All In Our Courage and  
in Our Love . . . We Will All Reach Our  
Finest Hour!

But, our moments herein time . . . are but  
the shortest of all to find . . .

For when it's all said and done, will we be  
the ones . . . as Sarge, who now up in  
Heaven have Someone To Look Up To?

So mount up now . . . For you King George,  
are but an Angel In The Army of Our  
Lord so fine!

As Someone Above To Watch Over Us, And  
To Look Up To in our lives!

TRIBUTE TO ALLAN S. COHEN

HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 24, 2008*

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Allan S. Cohen on his thirty-seven years of outstanding service to our nation.

Mr. Cohen, who is retiring on June 30, 2008, has served as a senior Human Resources Specialist with the Department of Defense. His dedication and contributions have left a legacy for all federal civil servants.

Madam Speaker, I am pleased to congratulate Mr. Cohen and to extend our country's gratitude to him for his honorable and productive service.

150 YEARS OF SPIRITUAL  
LEADERSHIP IN THE COMMUNITY

HON. BARNEY FRANK

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 24, 2008*

Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts. Madam Speaker, this year marks the 150th Anniversary of an extraordinarily important religious congregation in the City of Newton, which I am proud to represent in this body, and where I have lived for 28 years. Congregation Mishkan Tefila has been an important part of the City of Newton since 1957. Temple Mishkan Tefila has of course been primarily a place of worship for large numbers of Jewish men, women and young people, and through a series of outstanding rabbis and other leaders, it has performed that essential function superbly. It has also been a forum for community leadership in a number of other ways. Its doors have always been open to the community, both its own members and the community at large, and I have personally benefited from that openness on a number of occasions by being able to participate in forums that the temple has run, which have helped me and others fulfill our duties to relate to our constituents.

Madam Speaker, I am very pleased to be able to salute the members of the Mishkan Tefila Congregation on this 150th Anniversary,

and congratulate them on their opportunity both to look back on a very proud history, and to look forward to the promise of continued great service in the years ahead.

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTION  
COMMEMORATING THE 63RD ANNIVERSARY OF THE UNITED NATIONS

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 24, 2008*

Mrs. MALONEY of New York. Madam Speaker, today, along with Chairman DELAHUNT of the Subcommittee on International Organizations, Human Rights and Oversight, I am introducing legislation to commemorate the 63rd anniversary of the founding of the United Nations.

Since its founding, the United Nations has made many contributions to the global community in the fields of health, education, peace-keeping and humanitarian aid.

For 63 years the United Nations has provided a forum for the achievement of international cooperation in solving the world's most pressing economic, social and humanitarian problems including climate change, trafficking in humans, combating global terrorism, and responding quickly to disasters such as the tsunami in South East Asia in 2004.

The United Nations has visionary new leadership that should also be commended. Under Secretary General Ban Ki-moon, the United Nations launched a multi-year campaign to improve awareness amongst global policy-makers at the highest levels regarding issues relating to violence against women.

Joining us are Representatives JIM McDERMOTT, MAURICE HINCHEY, SAM FARR, MADELEINE BORDALLO, DONNA CHRISTENSEN, JOSÉ SERRANO, JIM MCGOVERN, DENNIS KUCINICH, CHAKA FATTAH, ROBERT BRADY, BETTY MCCOLLUM, JAMES P. MORAN, EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON, RAÚL GRIJALVA, and BARBARA LEE.

I look forward to working with Chairman DELAHUNT and my other colleagues to pledge the support of Congress to the United Nations as the organization moves forward and to commend the United Nations for sixty-three years of good work.

HONORING THE 80TH BIRTHDAY OF  
JEANETTE IRENE HUTCHISON

HON. PHIL GINGREY

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 24, 2008*

Mr. GINGREY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Jeanette Irene Lalime-Sellner-Hutchison, who is celebrating her 80th birthday today. As an indispensable member of my staff, Jeanette has served as my Constituent Service Director for almost six years, assisting 11th District residents with problems ranging from Social Security and veterans' benefits to passports and immigration issues.

But Madam Speaker, Jeanette has always had a passion for helping others. Born in Appleton, Wisconsin, Jeanette moved to Minneapolis, Minnesota as a young girl, where

she grew up and eventually met her first husband, Mr. Thomas Sellner. Married for 28 years, Jeanette and Tom had six wonderful children.

Along with raising her four sons and two daughters, Jeanette served as a foster mother for many years, taking in and caring for children in need of a loving family. After the passing of her first husband, Jeanette eventually met and wed Mr. Marion Hutchison, and together they moved to Iowa, where she began her Congressional career as a staff member for Congressman Cooper Evans, and then for Senator CHARLES GRASSLEY.

Now a resident of Marietta, Georgia, Jeanette has served various Congressional offices for 25 years, acting as the constituent service director for the legendary Georgia Senator Paul Coverdell and Congressman Bob Barr before joining my staff in 2003.

Madam Speaker, Jeanette Hutchison has led a very inspiring and rewarding life. Over the years she has made and kept many friends, and I ask that you join with them, with me, and with her family in honoring Mrs. Jeanette Irene Hutchison, as she celebrates her 80th birthday. I thank her for a quarter century of service to our country.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

#### HON. JAMES R. LANGEVIN

OF RHODE ISLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 24, 2008*

Mr. LANGEVIN. Madam Speaker, on the morning of June 20, 2008, I was unavoidably detained and unable to be in the chamber for three rollcall votes. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on rollcall No. 434, on approving the journal; "yea" on rollcall No. 435, on ordering the previous question on H. Res. 1276; and "yea" on rollcall No. 436, on agreeing to H. Res. 436.

Additionally, because of inclement weather on the evening of June 23, 2008, my flight was delayed, and I consequently missed two votes. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on rollcall 438, passage of H. Res. 1242; and "yea" on rollcall 439, passage of H. Con. Res. 372.

FOOD, CONSERVATION, AND ENERGY ACT OF 2008—VETO MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES (H. DOC. NO. 110-125)

SPEECH OF

#### HON. JAMES P. MCGOVERN

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 18, 2008*

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of overriding the President's veto of the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act, otherwise known as the Farm Bill. I am pleased to say that, with this vote, we have finally put this legislation behind us.

While I regret the problems that occurred with the formal parchment and the missing Trade Title of the Farm Bill, the time between consideration of the first veto override vote and this one allowed many Members of Con-

gress time to read the floor statements of many of our distinguished colleagues and understand better this large, complex and important piece of legislation. I am particularly grateful that the distinguished Members from California, Mr. BACA and Mr. BERMAN, clarified several particularly important provisions in the Nutrition Title of the bill. I would like to fully associate myself with their remarks. Following those Members' lead, I will not waste my colleagues' time by restating points they previously made on this legislation.

I want to emphasize, however, that if ever there was any doubt about Congress's continued support for the availability of judicial recourse for violations of food assistance statutes and regulations, this legislation makes that support unmistakably clear. The Food Stamp Act long has explicitly recognized the right of prospective applicants, actual applicants, and recipients to go to court to secure compliance with the statute and regulations. No court needs to guess about the view of Congress on this matter.

This new legislation reiterates that Congress will regulate how such litigation takes place. But there can be no question that litigation should, in fact, be permitted to occur if necessary. Such suits historically have not been required to pass any special hurdles of procedure or proof; all that matters is whether the statute, regulations, or state plan has been violated. If such a violation has occurred, the courts can pursue correction in the most efficacious manner, provided that we have limited the availability of retroactive benefits to one year before the problem was or should have been discovered. Rules developed under statutes where congressional intent is unclear have no place under food assistance legislation where we have left no room for doubt about our intentions.

As my colleagues from California made clear, the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act properly rejects two recent cases where courts, no doubt with the best of intentions, strayed from this long-time principle in the Food Stamp Program. This legislation clarifies that states are accountable for the results they achieve, namely a well-run food assistance program, and may be held judicially accountable for that. I trust this will eliminate any doubts other courts might have this score.

As Members are aware, the Farm Bill conferees did not accept a House provision that would have shut down all efforts to expand private contractors' role in administering the Food Stamp Program. Serious concerns have been raised about initiatives in a couple of states. Part of the reasoning was that the statute already contains requirements that state civil servants make all decisions relating to a household's participation in the program. As of yet, the policies of those states have not been tested in court. Without in any way seeking to prejudge what the results of such litigation might be, a judicial ruling on how these practices measure up against existing law would be of great help to us in determining whether that law needs to be modified, whether in the manner the House suggested or otherwise. As I understand there is considerable dissatisfaction with these programs, and I hope that the steps we are taking to clarify households' right to challenge the administration of the program in court will allow those concerns to be raised and addressed without further delay.

#### EARMARK DECLARATION

#### HON. ROSCOE G. BARTLETT

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 24, 2008*

Mr. BARTLETT of Maryland. Madam Speaker, I submit the following for the RECORD:

Requesting Member: Congressman ROSCOE G. BARTLETT.

Bill Number: H.R. 5658.

Account: RTD&E, Army, Combat Vehicle and Automotive Advanced Technology.

Legal Name of Requesting Facility: Mack Trucks, Inc., Volvo Powertrain North America.

Address of Requesting Facility: 13302 Pennsylvania Avenue, Hagerstown, MD 21742.

Description of Request: The requested fund will be used to build, test, and evaluate up to five heavy tactical trucks with hybrid electric power trains. The program's goal is to provide the military with a more fuel efficient, cleaner, and easily maintained heavy truck power train. A secondary goal is to provide a truck engine that can provide the same electricity source as a traditional diesel generator.

Requesting Member: Congressman ROSCOE G. BARTLETT.

Bill Number: H.R. 5658.

Account: RTD&E, Air Force, Multiple UAS cooperative concentrated observation and engagement systems against a common ground objective.

Legal Name of Requesting Facility: Proxy Aviation Systems.

Address of Requesting Facility: 12850 Middlebrook Road, Germantown, MD 20874.

Description of Request: The proposed program will provide the U.S. military with an advanced ISR capability to find and identify terrorist activity more rapidly and with a greater level of accuracy. The system will result in a lower cost of procurement and life cycle cost due to reduced manpower.

Requesting Member: Congressman ROSCOE G. BARTLETT.

Bill Number: H.R. 5658.

Account: O & M, Navy, Operating Forces, Weapons Support, Weapons Maintenance.

Legal Name of Requesting Facility: Otomelara North America, Inc.

Address of Requesting Facility: 1625 I Street North West, Washington, DC 20006.

Description of Request: Increasing O&M funding for the Mk75 weapon will boost performance of the post-groomed guns, reducing out-of-service down time, and raising overall reliability for the Navy. The FFG-7's Mk75 76mm gun possesses adequate range for effective engagement, but critical funding shortfalls in maintenance assessment/grooming and parts support have kept the guns from operating with the requisite readiness to be as effective as possible against the surface.

Requesting Member: Congressman ROSCOE G. BARTLETT.

Bill Number: H.R. 5658.

Account: RDT&E, Army, Warfighter Technology.

Legal Name of Requesting Facility: Engineering Systems Solutions.

Address of Requesting Facility: 5726 Industry Lane, Frederick, MD 21704.

Description of Request: This project expedites the repair of urgently needed battlefield equipment, thereby increasing the mission capable level of aircraft and vehicle units. This

leads to improved warfighter readiness and safety. Repair of battle damaged aircraft skin responds to the vulnerability reduction request for new technologies that improves affordability and increases capabilities. This technology will be commercialized to reduce the repair cost and duration of certain currently deployed aircraft and vehicles.

Requesting Member: Congressman ROSCOE G. BARTLETT.

Bill Number: H.R. 5658.

Account: RTD&E, Army, Environmental Quality Technology.

Legal Name of Requesting Facility: Fairchild Controls Corporation.

Address of Requesting Facility: 540 Highland Street, Frederick, MD 21701.

Description of Request: This program will provide increased protection to troops through filtration of toxic industrial chemicals. It will also provide reduced operation and support cost over traditional filtration systems. This program will provide reduced logistical burden associated with replacement of filters, and reduced dependence on global warming refrigerants.

Requesting Member: Congressman ROSCOE G. BARTLETT.

Bill Number: H.R. 5658.

Account: RTD&E, Army, Nuclear and Conventional Physical Security Equipment.

Legal Name of Requesting Facility: General Dynamics Robotic Systems.

Address of Requesting Facility: 1234 Tech Court, Westminster, MD 21157.

Description of Request: The MDARS robot autonomously performs random patrols, detects intruders, and determines the status of inventory, barriers, gates, and locks using Radio Frequency Identification, RFID, technology. The requested funds would develop additional capabilities and procure four vehicles for force protection demonstrations. The enhanced MDARS could be used for high-risk patrol operations in Iraq and Afghanistan or forward operating bases, airfields, ports, and high value supply depots, improving force protection by limiting military personnel from high risk mission exposure.

Requesting Member: Congressman ROSCOE G. BARTLETT.

Bill Number: H.R. 5658.

Account: O&M, Army, Servicewide Communications.

Legal Name of Requesting Facility: CherryRoad GT, Inc.

Address of Requesting Facility: 8150 Leesburg Pike, Vienna, VA 22182.

Description of Request: Army Knowledge Online must expand help desk capacity to meet increased call volume currently limited by lack of space at the primary site. Establishing a secondary site provides all critical expansion capability and functions as a backup site in case of attack or natural disaster. This expansion will benefit all DOD entities, service members, their families, DOD civilian employ-

ees, and select contractors who use the portal. Additionally, the portal allows the 52 state Adjutants General to coordinate with the Guard and Army Reserve to react to natural disaster or to counterterrorist threats and enhance force protection.

Requesting Member: Congressman ROSCOE G. BARTLETT.

Bill Number: H.R. 5658.

Account: RDT&E, Army, Joint Service Small Arms Program.

Legal Name of Requesting Facility: ACAGI, Inc.

Address of Requesting Facility: 4539 Metropolitan Court, Suite 202, Frederick, MD 21704.

Description of Request: The purpose of this project is to develop a weapon integrated, fire control system that includes real time Tagging and Marking, immediately and inconspicuously recognizing friend from foe, especially with noncooperative targets at ranges where physical contact is not possible, other than line of sight. This capability greatly enhances the warfighter's real time cognition and decision-making ability, especially in urban, counter-insurgent, complex, no frontlines situations, with the blending and rapidly changing definition of friend or foe, improving the warfighter's lethality and survivability.

Requesting Member: Congressman ROSCOE G. BARTLETT.

Bill Number: H.R. 5658.

Account: O&M, Army, Operating Forces, Land Forces System Readiness.

Legal Name of Requesting Facility: Skedco.

Address of Requesting Facility: 10505 South West Manhasset Drive, Tualatin, Oregon 97062.

Description of Request: The CASEVAC Conversion Kit, Aircraft, contains all the necessary supplies and equipment to safely secure one approved military litter to the floor of any cargo or utility aircraft, safely secure the casualty to the litter IAW doctrine, provide environmental protection to the casualty and identify and mark the casualty and pick-up zone. The recommended basis of issue for the CASEVAC conversion kit is two per cargo helicopter and one per utility helicopter.

Requesting Member: Congressman ROSCOE G. BARTLETT.

Bill Number: H.R. 5658.

Account: RDT&E, Navy, Warfighter Sustainment Applied Research.

Legal Name of Requesting Facility: Zeltex, Inc.

Address of Requesting Facility: 130 Western Maryland Parkway, Hagerstown MD 21740.

Description of Request: Zeltex, Inc., proposes to develop and demonstrate a Remote Fuel Assessment System for rapid fuel quality assessment. It will assess representative fuel content and contamination properties such as particulate, moisture, density, total oxygen content, benzene, olefins, aromatics, octane, and cetane index to identify the class of fuel.

Requesting Member: Congressman ROSCOE G. BARTLETT.

Bill Number: H.R. 5658.

Account: RDT&E, Navy, Surface Combatant Combat System Engineering.

Legal Name of Requesting Facility: DRS Power Technology Inc.

Address of Requesting Facility: 166 Boulder Drive, Suite 201E, Fitchburg, MA 01420.

Description of Request: The requested funding will design and build a hybrid electric drive prototype system for insertion and testing at the Navy Land Bases Test Site. Development and demonstration of a prototype DDG51 hybrid electric drive system will enable the fuel savings estimated at 13,000 barrels of fuel operation per year, per ship. The return on investment, installation and nonrecurring cost to payback in 3 to 5 years with a projected savings of between \$2M and \$4M per ship, per year. Total opportunity of up to \$5B in savings if all 62 ships in the class are converted. The warfighting advantages are that longer on-station time for the same fuel load, reduced gas turbine engine operating hours and maintenance, reduce logistics tail, added generator redundancy and potential for increased total ship service power.

Requesting Member: Congressman ROSCOE G. BARTLETT.

Bill Number: H.R. 5658.

Account: O&M, Navy, Training and Recruiting, Recruiting and Advertising.

Legal Name of Requesting Facility: U.S. Naval Sea Cadet Corps.

Address of Requesting Facility: 2300 Wilson Boulevard, Suite 200, Arlington, VA 22201.

Description of Request: The program promotes interest and skill in seamanship and aviation; but, more importantly, instills in every cadet qualities that mold strong moral character in an anti-drug and anti-gang environment. The NSCC Youth Program teaches cadets that they must contribute to their community and country; as well as accept responsibility for their own actions.

Requesting Member: Congressman ROSCOE G. BARTLETT.

Bill Number: H.R. 5658.

Account: ANG/USAF, PJMS95554 Replace Fire Station, ANG, Martin State Airport, Baltimore, MD.

Legal Name of Requesting Facility: MILCON/USAF-ANG.

Address of Requesting Facility: 2300 Wilson Boulevard, Suite 200, Arlington, VA 22201.

Description of Request: Concrete foundation and floor slab, steel frame masonry walls with standing seam insulated metal roof or "green" roof. Cavity wall constructions with split-face CMU block, interior mechanical, electrical and fire protection systems. All necessary utilities, site improvements, back-up generator and support. Pavement access to the runways, aircraft apron, and base arterial roads. Demolish three obsolete facilities and landscape the site for sediment and erosion control. Air conditioning: 50 Tons.